

## RIDER RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

The undersigned (hereinafter referred to as "Participant") acknowledges that he/she is freely and voluntarily participating as a rider in a vehicle owned by Columbia County, Georgia (hereinafter "County") with one or more County employees. This participation as a rider may consist of the Participant's riding in County vehicles during work related assignments, which assignments may include potentially dangerous activities or hazardous situations.

In consideration of the Participant being allowed to participate as a rider, the Participant does release and shall hold harmless Columbia County, Georgia, the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County, Georgia, the commissioners, officers, agents, deputies, employees and representatives of Columbia County, Georgia, from any loss, claim, suit, award or judgment for injury or damage to person or property arising out of or related to the Participant's participation as a rider described above. This release shall cover injuries or damages resulting from all actions or omissions of those released, including such actions or omissions, which are negligent or are negligently performed.

As further consideration for the Participant's being allowed to participate as a rider, the Participant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Columbia County, Georgia, the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County, Georgia, the commissioners, officers, agents, deputies, employees and representatives of Columbia County, Georgia from any claims or actions whatsoever for damages, compensation or otherwise, including attorney's fees and costs they may incur due to the presence of the Participant as a rider in a County owned vehicle, which presence is defined to include, but is not limited to, the presence of the Participant in or near the vehicle or at any location where the Participant is taken during the course of his/her participation during the coverage period referenced below.

Participant hereby acknowledges that there are inherent risks of injury or damage in participating as a rider in a County owned vehicle. Participant further acknowledges that serious accidents occasionally occur during operation of a vehicle and that drivers and passengers of vehicles occasionally sustain mortal or serious injuries and/or property damage as a consequence thereof. Knowing the risks and dangers of these activities, the Participant freely and voluntarily accepts and assumes all of the risks of injury or damage to person or property arising out of or related to Participant's participation as a rider in a County owned vehicle.

In witness whereof, Participant has read the above, fully understands its provisions, and has signed this Release and Indemnity Agreement this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
This agreement will remain in force for a period of six months from the date of signature.

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
(or guardian, if Participation is under the age of 18)  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Agreement Expires on: \_\_\_\_\_

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**02/12/01**

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